

## Service Times

- \* Sign up to attend Shabbat services at [Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan)

Please register by Fridays at 5 pm.

Services are indoors and safety protocols will be in effect.

Services will begin at 8:30 am on May 1st & 8th.

## **Erev Shabbat**

**Friday, April 30 (Iyyar 18)**  
**33rd Day Omer - Lag B'Omer**

10:30 am - Tot Shabbat: *Holiday Roundup*  
[Youth Parsha Activity](#)

6:20 pm - \*Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv  
6:38 pm - Earliest Candle Lighting  
7:43 pm - Late Candle Lighting

## **Shabbat**

**Saturday, May 1 (Iyyar 19)**  
**34th Day Omer**

8:30-10:00 am - \*Shacharit

9:54 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

7:35 pm - \*Mincha

Weekly Shiur - Notes available at this [link](#).

8:41 pm - Maariv/Havdallah

9:00 pm - Havdallah & Schmooze

[Zoom](#) & [Facebook](#)

## Classes

- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon  
Sunday-Thursdays 8:30 pm, [Phone Conference](#).

- Torah Study

**Rabbi Dr. Zvi Grumet Guest Lecture**

Sunday 8:30 pm, [Join on Zoom](#)

- Ketuvim with Kenny

Monday 8 pm, [Join on Zoom](#)

- Lunchtime Talmud with Rabbi Davies  
Thursdays 12 pm, [Facebook Live](#) & [Zoom](#)

- Cholent & Learn with Kenny Abitbol  
Thursday 8 pm, [Join on Zoom](#)

## Announcements

- > The office/Shul will be closed on Tuesday, May 4.
- > MAZEL TOV to Daniel Varadi and the Varadi family on the celebration of Daniel's Bar Mitzvah!!

## Dor Tikvah Events & Programs

- \* **Guest Lecture with Rabbi Dr. Zvi Grumet** - May 2nd, 8:30 pm

Join us and our guest speaker Rabbi Dr. Zvi Grumet for a virtual lecture. Go to [Dortikvah.org/event/Israel360](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Israel360) for more information.

- \* **Zoom Tot Shabbat: Counting Up to Shavuot** - May 7th, 10:30 am

Join Zahava for a musical Tot Shabbat with a different theme each week. Go to [Dortikvah.org/youth-tots](http://Dortikvah.org/youth-tots) for more information and future sessions.

- \* **Congregational Meeting** - May 23rd, 5:30 pm

Save the date! Details and updates at [Dortikvah.org/event/Cong-May-Meeting](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Cong-May-Meeting).

- \* **Davies Memory Book**

Share messages and photos to be compiled into a special book that the Davies can take with them to remember their time in Charleston. Get details and submit at [tinyurl.com/Davies-Memory](http://tinyurl.com/Davies-Memory).

## Community Events

- \* **The Great Addlestone Cooking Show** - May 2nd, 7:00 pm

AHA invites you to their virtual fundraiser, a cooking show with celebrity chefs, raffle prizes, and more. Details at [addlestone.org/spring-fundraiser](http://addlestone.org/spring-fundraiser).

## Refuah Shleima

Shlomo Yoel ben Miriam (Stanford Kirshtein)  
Bloom bat Chaya Sara (Bertha Hoffman)  
Channah Penina bat Miriam Rochel  
Nechama Chana bat Tziporah Rachel  
Blumah Leah bat Yitzhak Dov (Rosalind Minster)  
Rahel Tzvia bat Feigel Sara  
Aron David ben Yudah Yisroel  
Yael Bracha bat Pnina  
Nechemiah ben Chanah

Simcha ben Etle  
Hodel bat Raozel  
Miriam bat Mazal  
Talia bat Shoshana  
Esther bat Alitza  
Yonatan ben Chana  
Moshe ben Esther  
Chaim ben Pesha  
Rina Bat Gisya

## Life Cycle

### Yahrzeits

- > Esther Sutker, Aunt of Nathan Kirshstein (4/30)
- > Isaac Oberman, Grandfather of Marvin Katzen (4/30)
- > Moshe Davies, Grandfather of Michael Davies (5/2)
- > Marilyn Saltman, Mother of Jennifer Schager (5/3)

### Birthdays

- > Charles Steinert (4/30)
- > Aaron Manaker (5/5)
- > Jonathan Zucker (5/5)
- > Bernard Jay Novit (5/6)
- > Allan Rosenberg (5/7)

## Contributions

**Walter Hus**

- In honor of Rebbetzin and Rabbi Davies and family

**Gerald Katz**

- In memory of his Father, David Katz

Contributions to CDT can be made at [DorTikvah.org](http://DorTikvah.org).



# Lag B'Omer

## Lag B'Omer and the Power to Recreate

By Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein [Aish.com](http://Aish.com)



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Every society on earth has been traumatized by this pandemic. The feeling of profound loss – in many forms – pervades our world. But as the remarkable vaccine roll-out continues apace, we can start to see the green shoots of hope and recovery. We can start to envision our lives returning to what we knew before this all began. Now, as we begin the daunting challenge of rebuilding our lives, the question is – how do we make up the ground we've lost? How do we rebuild?

This week we celebrate Lag B'Omer. During the Omer, we remember the tragedy of the plague that struck down 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva – one of the greatest sages of the Talmud. Rabbi Akiva was already an old man, but he had the courage to start again from the beginning. Lag B'Omer is the day he restarted his yeshiva with just five students – and it was those five students who rekindled the fire of Torah and restored it to the Jewish people.

On Lag B'Omer, the 33-day period of mourning is put on hold as we celebrate Rabbi Akiva's heroism and tenacity and strength in the face of adversity. We learn this idea of rebounding from a setback from G-d Himself. The Talmud explains that we have a great mitzvah to emulate G-d: "Just as G-d is gracious and compassionate, so too should you be gracious and compassionate."

Rav Yosef Dov Soloveitchik expands this mitzvah to include the act of creation itself. Just like G-d is the ultimate Creator, we, too, are creators. To create is deeply embedded in our souls, which are a reflection of the Divine. And just as G-d created the world, we, too, are called on to create the world; to bring into the world flourishing families and societies, to build institutions and infrastructure and make technological advances that move the world forward. But it goes further. Rav Soloveitchik refers to what our sages of the Talmud teach in a midrash that before this world was created, there were many other worlds that G-d created and subsequently destroyed, and then rebuilt again.

From this midrash, says Rav Soloveitchik, we learn that there is not only a mitzvah to create, but also a mitzvah to re-create after a period of destruction; to rebuild after setbacks. We do so on a personal level and we do so on a national level, drawing on G-d's own example. It is this spirit of renewal and rededication that has animated so much of Jewish history. We have witnessed this particularly in the years since the Holocaust – through the miraculous re-creation of Jewish sovereignty in the land of Israel through our very own Jewish state, and the miraculous rebuilding of the great yeshivas after they were all but blotted out, such that today there are more people learning Torah than at any other time in our history. Together, these developments have led to a rebirth of Jewish life worldwide.

And this is the message of Lag B'Omer, of Rabbi Akiva – who, against all odds, rebuilt Torah, and with it, the Jewish people. On this day, we celebrate the light of Torah – the sacred tradition and Divine values that give life to the Jewish people.